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JOHN WATERS ON COMMIE QUEENS, RAT PUKE, & THE REVOLUTION

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John Waters. Photo by Bert Johnson.

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LETTERS

A Terrific Addition

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You Owe Borenstein An Apology

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The Tribune Owes Oakland an Apology

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The Issue Is Complicated

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Borenstein Doesn't Suffer Fools

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to have little patience for candidates who aren't from their mold.

Brunstein's endorsements don't fall on the regular right-wing, union-bashing spectrum. The candidates he endorses come from the far left, the far right, and everywhere in the middle, some are [illegible], others hated by labor.

Here, in San Leandro, during our last election, Brunstein endorsed the two most liberal city council candidates in two of the races, and the most conservative ones in the other two. The latter was also endorsed by the police and fire unions. Clearly that was not a consideration for Brunstein. The liberal candidate who ran against Corina Lopez and got Brunstein's endorsement ran on a platform of raising the minimum wage and imposing rent control in San Leandro, not what you'd call "conservative" issues.

That said, I do agree that Brunstein's endorsements have little to no effect in many political races, though the same can be said of the Express' endorsements. For better or for worse, what seems to matter is how many mailers you send and how big they are — a sad comment on our democracy.

Margarita Lacabe, San Leandro

The Pension Bill Is Coming Due

Unfunded pension liabilities are a problem born of political expediency and unfounded assumptions. Taxpayers are not at the collective bargaining table (indeed, they're barely [illegible]), and it's very easy for elected officials to accede to retirement benefits that somebody else will have to figure out how to fund. Predictably, this has led to quite generous pension obligations that have eaten up a big fraction of tax revenues.

If the journalism community is to be faulted, it is for their failure to have recognized the phenomenon as it was occurring, to wake up the populace to it. It's not easy — it's eye-glazingly technical and boring. But important, they and we all missed it. The bills for this inattention are coming due.

Stan Gerlitz, Alameda

Oakland Will be Sued

The question is whether or not there is the political will to do what is legal and right for the citizens of Oakland. To this point, the mayor and city council have failed. If they proceed to approve this backroom deal, the city will be sued.

The first thing a judge will check is whether or not the law was followed in regards to process for notice and disposition of public land. The second test is whether or not the city is in compliance with state planning law. The third is whether or not the city, by its action, is in compliance with its own General Plan (Housing Element). On all counts, the City of Oakland fails.

This is an easy call for City Attorney Barbara Parker. Her job is to keep the city out of court and avoid litigation the city has no chance of winning. She should be reminded that under Measure X (the strong mayor provision of the city charter), she works for the people of Oakland, not the city council or the mayor. Parker has not historically been strong in the land use area, but in this case, has opportunity to show leadership [illegible] right in front of her. She should not be swayed by opinions from the mayor's executive branch, comprised of City of [illegible] looking to cut development deals or local attorneys for hire Chuck Wanamaker(?), who, for the right price, will argue both sides of any land use issue.

Gary Patton, former deputy director of Planning and Zoning for the City of Oakland, [illegible]

Love It

Great article! Loved the first season and can't wait for what's to come with #explainedinOakland.

Anne Pauly(?), Oakland

Big Ups!

I want to thank Sam Lefebvre for sharing our story with your readers! Big ups!

Some quick clarifications: Mary (Sam Waters?) is also a powerful and renowned artist, and Cornish College was a deep art school experience. I literally found a cassette recording of my first string quartet rehearsal from 2010 and immediately began bawling. I was twenty when taking my first composition seminar taught by Jarrad Powell. That semester Jarrad invited a string quartet to collaborate with our class. The main goal of the class was to compose for string quartet in collaboration with the dance department's choreography [illegible] student choreographers. I can be heard saying on the cassette, "BPM is cut" and the music itself was [illegible] from a [illegible] that had so many [illegible] marks that it more resembled a [illegible] paper copy.

Anyway, [illegible] and engaged artists teach at Cornish. However, being involved in academic music programs for eleven years plus, I noticed an uncomfortable aesthetic hierarchy favoring classical music over other traditions, and improvisation is still underrepresented as a powerful, expressive approach. The Mills and Cornish music programs attempt to tackle some of these concerns head-on by hiring innovators, programming radical works, and by accepting [illegible] like me, into their programs. We also need more diversity in the student body and professorships.

[illegible], Oakland

Unnecessary Racialization

I'm a coffee worker who lives in Berkeley and follow the modern coffee trend like people who follow sports. I appreciate this coffee coverage and I look forward to trying this roaster's beans.

However, I take issue with something in the article: "According to [illegible] Reyes, there's a deep irony in the fact that certain (mostly white) segments of the industry act as though they're the first ones who ever

[illegible] which farm their coffee beans come from, or roasted the beans in a certain way to maximize their flavor. The truth is that kind of approach has existed for a long time in Africa, where coffee was invented but few folks in the so-called "third wave" coffee industry ever acknowledge it."

This is a [illegible] of bias. To me it feels like [illegible]. The so-called "third wave" of coffee — more than any other tradition in US coffee history — gives credit to the farmers and cooperatives that grow their beans. They name names on their products and show photos of the farmers on their websites. Most importantly, they pay them far more than Folgers or Starbucks ever did. These farmers are given recognition for the quality of their product. I've never gotten the sense that the roasters or baristas (whatever race they are) are ignoring the people of color at the coffee's origin.

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[illegible], Berkeley

Konte is an Inspiration

[illegible]

[illegible], San Francisco

[illegible]

Blaming Schaaf Is a Cop-Out

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Finish the Job, ETHD

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Wilma Chan, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, Alameda

ETHD Responds

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[illegible], Castro Valley

Protesters Need to Find an Alternative

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Letters Policy

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First Friday

ART OPENINGS & EVENTS

See the Art Gallery listings in the Express for more information on East Bay art showings

Spend an evening supporting local arts!

ALAMEDA

Frank Bette Center

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BERKELEY

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OAKLAND

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57th Street Gallery

Arte Edwards Gallery

Actual Café

Art Exhibitions

Awaken Café

Bellevue Club

Book Zoo

Café Van Kleef

The Compound Gallery

Crown Nine Jewelry Boutique and Art Gallery

Portfolio Gallery

Gamma Space

J. Peck Design Studio

The Layover

Lizalla

LaBat Gallery

MiX

Oakland First Fridays Street Festival

Oaklandish

The Legionnaire Saloon

Rawr Gallery

Royal NoneSuch Gallery

Slaughterhouse Gallery

Somar Bar and Lounge

Spice Monkey Café and Restaurant

Studio One Art Center

Tech Liminal

Telegraph Beer Garden

Tomorrow Art Center

The W.E.B. Women's Art & Dance Studio

White Box Gallery at Oakland School of the Arts

OAKLAND ART MURMUR

Aggregate Space Gallery

American Steel Studios

Betti Ono

Chandra Cerrito Contemporary

Classic Cars West

Creative Framing and Gallery

Creative Growth Art Center

Era Art Bar

Farley's East

Field Day And Friends

FM

Free Oakland UP

East Bay Gallery

The Great Wall of Oakland

Inter Bay Gallery

Johansson Projects

Joyce Gordon Gallery

Krowswork

LaSalle Gallery

Mercury Gallery

Maple Street Denim

Marion and Rose's Workshop

Mercury 20

The New Parkway Theater

Oakopolis / The Moon

Oakstop

Oni Gallery

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ProArts

Rock Paper Scissors Collective

Roscoe Ceramic Gallery

Shadravan Studios

SoleSpace

Spun Smoke

SLATE contemporary

Studios 11

Transmission Gallery

Uptown Art Park

Vessel Gallery

The Wall Gallery

Warehouse 416

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Three Cheers for the Pope

The Vatican encyclical boldly tackles our "filthy planet."

Jay Youngdahl



Pope Francis

> "We all generate small ecological damage," the pope wrote. "We should acknowledge our contribution, smaller or greater, to the disfigurement and destruction of creation."

Business as Usual in City Hall

A judge ruled that the City of Oakland illegally barred citizens from attending city council meetings. It was just the tip of the iceberg.

By Robert Gammon

Give Newsom Credit

It's Official: Weed Is Medicine

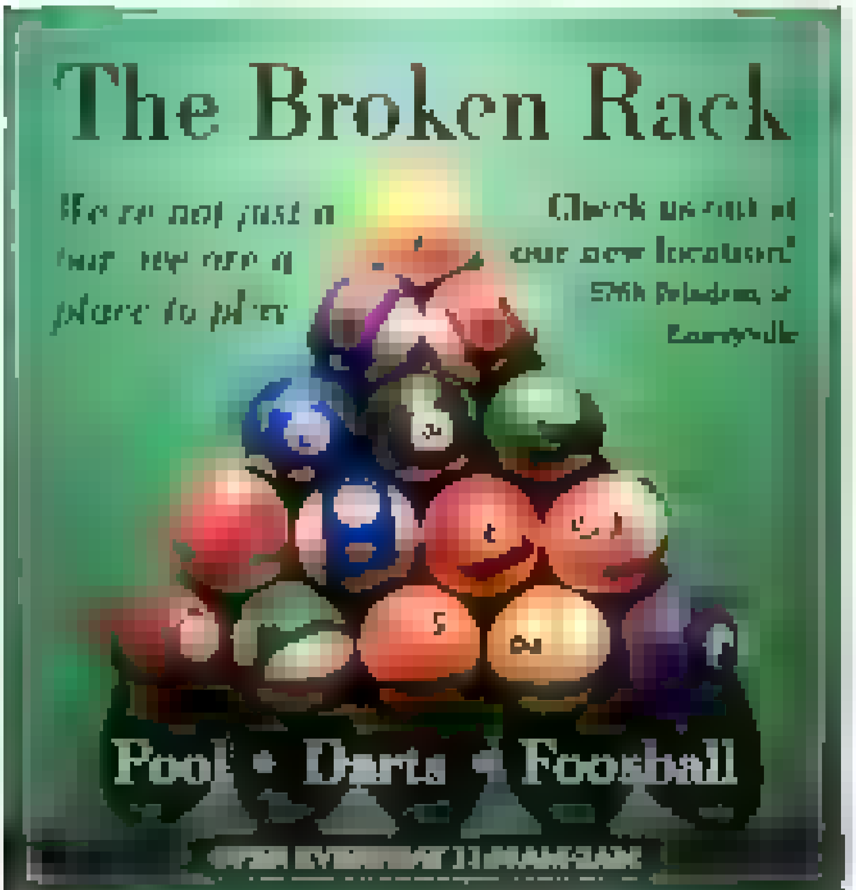
A series of papers in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* is starting to correct the shameful legacy of drug war politics over cannabis science. But a research catch-22 persists.

By David Downs

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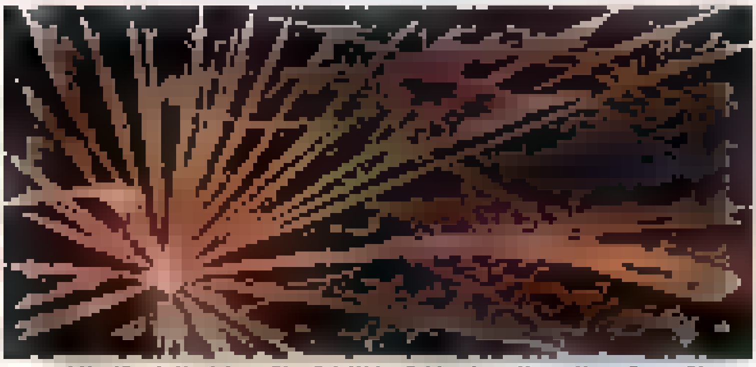
In cooperation with the Oakland and Fremont police, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office is quietly planning to acquire a surveillance tool capable of locating and tracking people's cellphones.

By Darwin BondGraham and Ali Winston





14 Weeks, 4 Bay Area Locations, 4 Photographers



LOOKING GLASS PHOTO & CAMERA



When Landlords Target Rent Control

A lawsuit against an Oakland apartment building owner sheds light on tactics real estate investors use to remove tenants in rent-controlled units — including aggressive evictions and exorbitant rent increases.

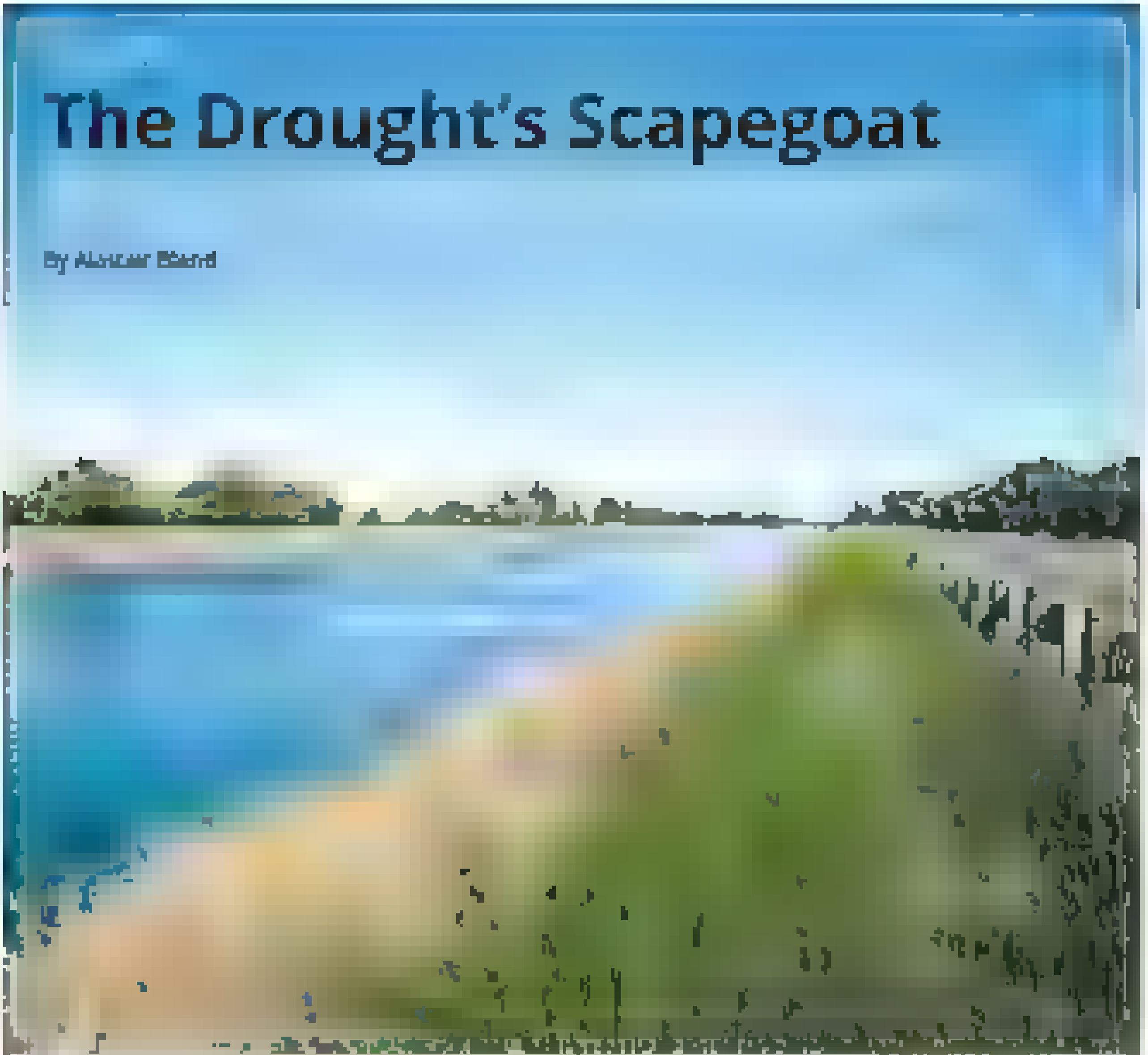
By Sam Levin


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The Drought's Scapegoat

By Alastair Bland



In April, *The Wall Street Journal* published a news column that reduced the complicated story of California water, drought, fish, and farmers into a simplified account of [illegible] a tiny fish, the delta smelt. The author of the piece, columnist Allysia Finley, called the [illegible] "the [illegible] of environmentalists and [illegible] of parched farmers." The delta smelt, Finley argued, is the cause of grief and pain for farmers in the San Joaquin Valley because laws protecting the fish have at times restricted the flow of water to orchards and fields.

Indeed, the delta smelt has become perhaps the number one scapegoat during California's historic drought — the favored whipping boy of the state's powerful agricultural interests. These interests have alleged repeatedly that environmental laws designed to save the smelt from extinction are putting San Joaquin Valley farmers out of business.

But Big Ag, along with mainstream and conservative news organizations and politicians, fail to mention a very inconvenient truth: During the drought, the smelt have had nothing to do with water cutbacks from the Sacramento–San Joaquin River Delta, the state's primary source of freshwater. Rather, pumping restrictions in the delta during the past two years have instead served to protect the drinking water of millions of Californians and numerous farmers in the delta region itself. The pumping restrictions are keeping freshwater flowing through the delta so that salty ocean water doesn't push into the inland and fish water supplies. The restrictions also have been triggered by laws that protect a different fish altogether: salmon.

"But of course [the media and others] blame the smelt," said Jon Rosenfield, a conservation biologist with The Bay Institute in San Francisco. "What else would they do — blame salmon and having these issues?" The smelt, he noted, has little social or economic value, unlike other, bigger fish that share the same habitat. Chinook salmon, for instance, support a substantial fishing industry and thousands of jobs. This makes the smelt an ideal scapegoat.

The Wall Street Journal is just one of several news outlets that have jumped on the anti-smelt bandwagon and have erroneously characterized the fish as the main cause for water cutbacks to California's farmers. For years, many news organizations have been telling this story while [illegible] neglecting to mention that there are other social, environmental, and economic benefits of maintaining the supply flow of water through the delta.

Although there have been times when smelt protections [illegible] have required curtailing water for irrigators [illegible] in 27 months. Last December, irrigators [illegible] pumping [illegible] killing fish [illegible] the delta [illegible] Terry, has this many a voluntary [illegible].

Nevertheless, the delta smelt has [illegible] a powerful propaganda tool for corporate farmers in the almond-and-pistachio country of the western San Joaquin. [illegible] against environmental laws that protect a little fish.

"The delta smelt is not the issue," said Kate Poole, a senior attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council. "But it's a handy scapegoat."

Columnists, editorials, and news reports that portray the delta smelt as a water hog have become commonplace in recent years. Writer [illegible] penned a lengthy story for the *National Review* in early 2014 lamenting the hardships of San Joaquin Valley farmers and defending the smelt as the central cause of their grievances. Not once in his piece did [illegible] mention that there are laws in place to protect Chinook salmon and to keep seawater from tainting the freshwater that millions of people drink — and that these are the laws that have curtailed water deliveries to much of Delta farms in the past two-plus years.

On May 8, *Orange County Register* columnist Joseph Perkins also erroneously characterized the delta smelt as the chief culprit and "primary stakeholder" in the water-related woes of farmers and Southern Californians. Perkins' piece made no mention of the need for fresh water or salmon, or how imposing limits on water exports can protect and enhance their numbers. In a February 2014 *Sacramento Bee* op-ed, writer [illegible] named the delta smelt as the driving force behind regulatory restraints on water exports, even though, at the time, one year had passed since laws protecting the smelt had triggered any water pumping restrictions.

And in September 2014, Assemblymember Shannon Grove, R-Bakersfield, released a video concerning the plight of fruit farmers in Kern County, whose water supplies had been cut off. [illegible] Grove says, because of "a three-inch fish called the delta smelt."

Grove reported that 1.4 million acre-feet of water — enough to irrigate 700,000 acres of farmland — had been flushed into San Francisco Bay that year to protect the smelt, a statement that Steve Martarano of the US Fish and Wildlife Service said is patently false. Martarano said the last time the federal law protecting the little fish impacted water deliveries was February 2013.

"It's become almost comical how one species has been so targeted by the media [illegible]," said Martarano. He said the agency has tried for years to tell the whole and accurate story about Delta water management, fish, and agriculture. "As a former reporter, I think about how stories get put together. When a writer blames the delta smelt for impacts to farmers, there usually isn't even an attempt to quantify what those impacts are. [illegible]

[illegible] salmon [illegible]

But not all who vilify the smelt are ignorant or misled. John McManus, executive director of the Golden Gate Salmon Association, a group that lobbies for conservation of Central Valley Chinook salmon habitat, contends that many anti-smelt [illegible] know exactly what they're doing. Including Chinook salmon in the discussion about delta water supplies would only undermine their argument, he said, because the general public tends to sympathize with and respect salmon.

"They're ignoring the smelt to create a perception that the smelt is the root of their problems [illegible] San Joaquin Valley farming [illegible]," McManus argued. "They recognize that the delta smelt is a small unfamiliar species with basically no commercial value and very few friends. There aren't jobs tied to delta smelt, the way there are with salmon, which makes the delta smelt a much easier target. On the other [illegible], there are [illegible] jobs, an industry."

The state's salmon fishing industry supports thousands of jobs, according to Jeffrey Michael, an economist at the University of the Pacific in Stockton. He also estimates that the in-Delta farming industry — which has benefited from the water pumping restrictions because the restrictions have protected freshwater supplies for in-Delta agriculture — is worth roughly [illegible] billion.

However, even if environmental laws that limit water exports from the delta were eliminated, farmers could not pump every last drop of water from the estuary. That's because freshwater must be allowed to flow downstream to keep saltwater from encroaching inland.

"This basic salinity control is necessary for the state and federal water projects to pump any water at all," Poole explained.

Smelt [illegible] in fact, is one of the [illegible] water exports. According to [illegible]

The Bay Institute, in the 2013-14 water year (from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014), [illegible] percent of the river water that flowed into San Francisco Bay — equal to [illegible] percent of the total Central Valley runoff that year — was used, and necessary, to prevent saltwater from reaching the major [illegible] export pumps, a serious threat in times of drought.

"When you hear people complain about water being lost to sea, very little of that water is actually delta smelt water," said Peter Moyle, a fisheries biologist at UC Davis. "[illegible] is water that is needed to maintain freshwater in the delta and, and also to protect the pumps [that supply the San Joaquin Valley] [illegible]."

The delta acts [illegible] of like a [illegible] bowl, which means that saltwater from the ocean has the potential to move inland as far [illegible] all the way past the delta at high tide) if that physical space were not occupied by freshwater. Only the constant movement of freshwater down the [illegible] River and through the delta keeps the saltwater out. So to protect irrigation pumps, managers of the state's water supply constantly must let river flows [illegible] to make sure enough freshwater is moving through the delta and into San Pablo and San Francisco bays.

Moyle believes that those who rave about the smelt [illegible] other fish [illegible] freshwater at a time when the San Joaquin Valley is suffering simply don't understand how the state's water management system works. For example, [illegible] of the National Review, has argued that water [illegible] flowed to sea past the pumps and was [illegible] "wasted forever."

"They're mad about not having enough water, and not recognizing that the water they're getting depends in part on the water flowing out to sea keeping their water fresh," Moyle said. "In fact, because of the



[illegible]







It's Time to Vote for 'Best of the East Bay'

Where are your favorite places to slurp noodles, bargain-shop, and get drunk? Cast your votes for our Best of the East Bay issue! Voting begins on Wednesday, June 1.

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Arts & Culture

- Best annual event
- Best art gallery
- Best artist
- Best band
- Best dance company
- Best DJ night at a club
- Best karaoke venue
- Best local author
- Best local filmmaker
- Best museum
- Best music venue
- [illegible]
- [illegible]
- [illegible]
- Best nightclub
- Best performing arts venue
- Best place to see a movie
- Best record label
- Best theater company
- Category we didn't think of

Goods & Services

- Best arts and craft supplies
- Best antiques store
- Best bagels
- Best bakery
- Best barbershop
- Best bike shop
- Best bookstore
- [illegible]
- Best brewery
- Best butcher shop
- Best cannabis dispensary
- Best car repair
- Best children's store
- [illegible]
- Best farmers' market
- [illegible]
- Best game store
- Best grocery store
- Best hair salon
- Best local winery
- Best locally produced goods
- [illegible]
- Best massage
- Best new business
- Best pet store
- [illegible]
- Best plant nursery
- Best record store
- Best sex shop
- Best shoe store
- Best spa
- Best specialty food store
- Best tattoo shop or artist
- Best used or vintage clothing
- Best veterinarian
- Best wine shop
- Category we didn't think of

People & Places

- Best activist
- Best co-working space
- [illegible]
- Best company to work for
- Best local Instagram account
- Best local Twitter account
- Best neighborhood
- Best nonprofit or charity
- Best park
- Best pick-up spot
- Best place to learn DIY or homesteading skills
- Best place to take the kids
- Best place to walk your dog
- Best politician
- [illegible]
- Best urban garden
- Best view
- Category we didn't think of

Restaurants & Bars

- [illegible]
- [illegible]
- Best bar
- Best barbecue
- Best bartender
- Best beer bar
- Best breakfast/brunch
- Best burger
- Best cafe
- Best California cuisine
- Best chef
- Best Chinese restaurant
- Best cocktails
- Best coffee
- Best delivery service
- Best dessert place
- Best food at a bar
- Best ice cream
- Best Indian/Pakistani restaurant
- Best Italian restaurant
- Best Japanese/sushi restaurant
- Best kid-friendly restaurant
- Best Korean restaurant
- Best late-night food
- [illegible]
- Best Mexican restaurant
- Best Middle Eastern restaurant
- Best mobile food vendor
- Best new bar
- Best new restaurant
- Best outdoor seating
- Best pizza
- Best restaurant for a date
- Best sandwiches
- Best seafood
- Best server at a restaurant
- Best Southeast Asian restaurant
- Best Southern/soul food
- Best special occasion restaurant
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- Best vegetarian/vegan restaurant
- Category we didn't think of

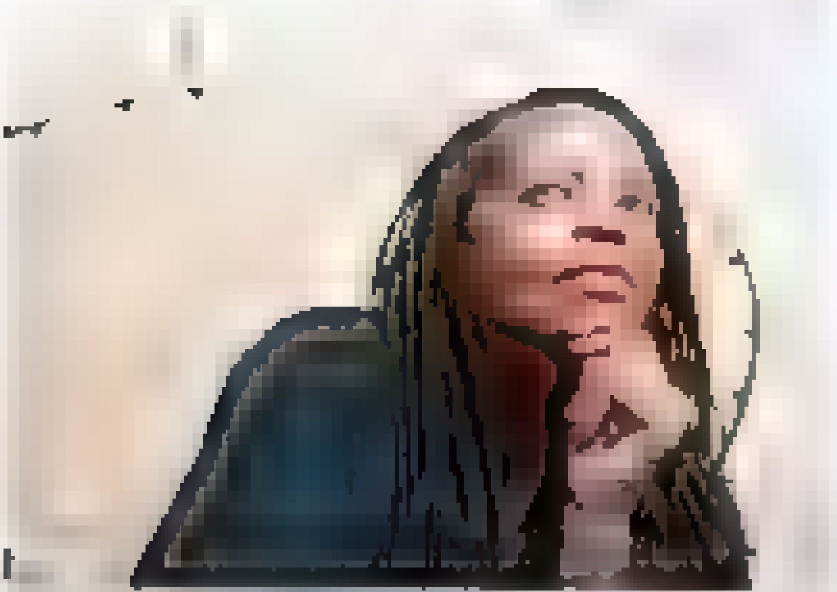
Sports & Leisure

- Best bike ride
- [illegible]
- Best boxing/martial arts studio
- [illegible]
- Best fitness class
- Best fitness instructor
- [illegible]
- Best gym
- [illegible]
- Best outdoor or sporting goods store
- Best place to hike
- Best place to picnic
- Best place to run
- Best place to swim
- Best yoga studio
- Best yoga teacher
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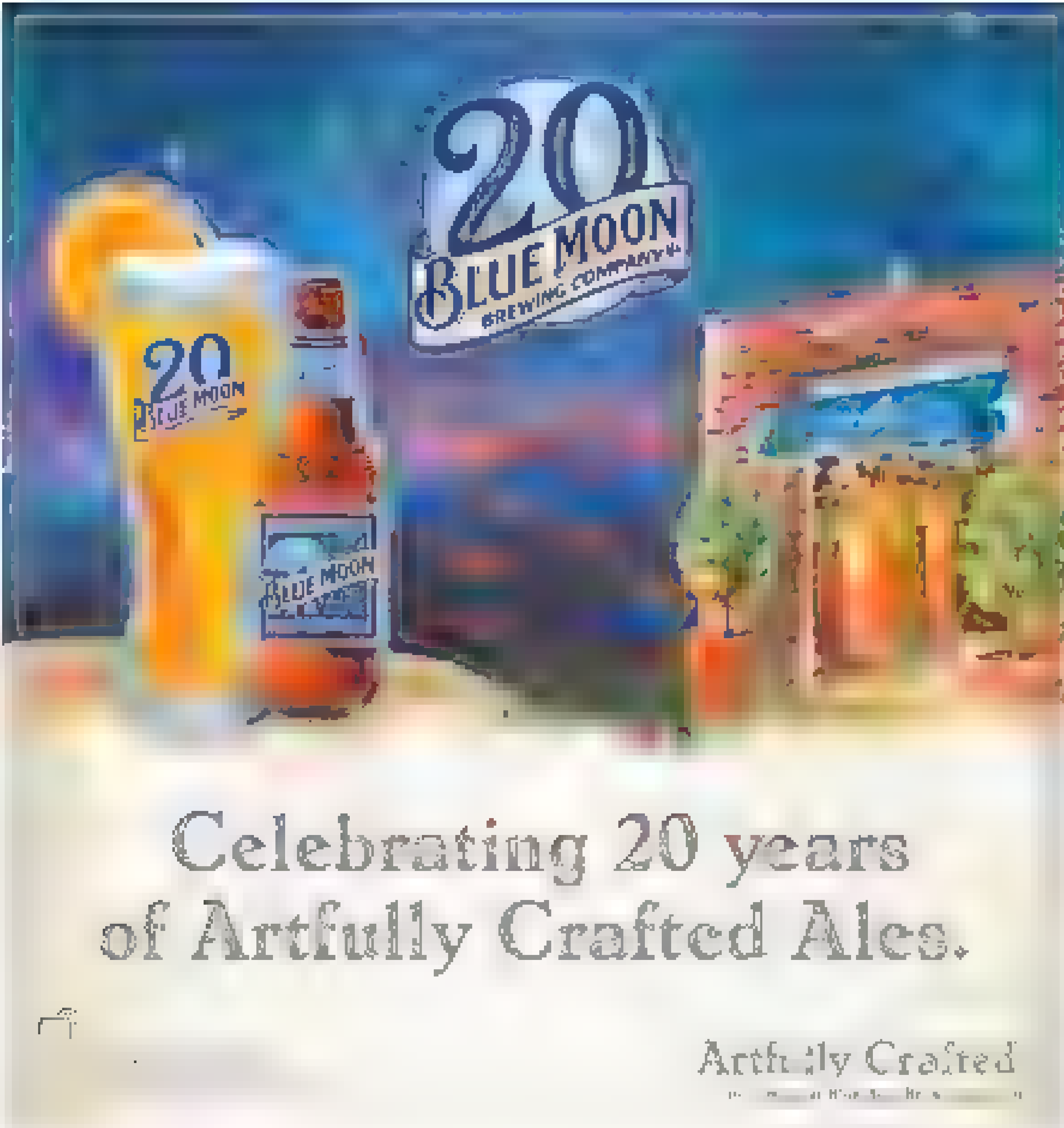


Wordslanger

Poet, playwright, actor and scholar Ayodele Nzinga and the Lower Bottom Playaz bring tales of Black life and struggle to the stage



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Alone on the Ranch

In *On Her Own*, Berkeley filmmaker Morgan Schmidt-Feng captures the story of a Sonoma County family slowly losing its farm and its intergenerational identity

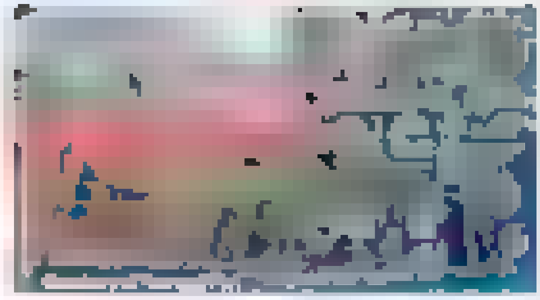
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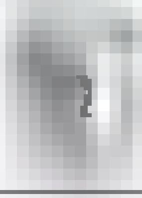

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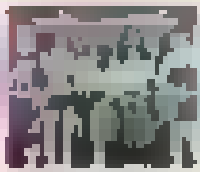


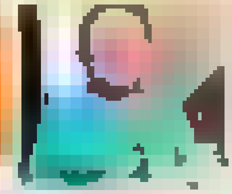

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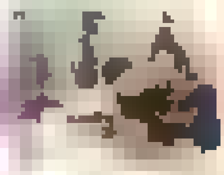
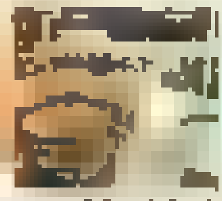

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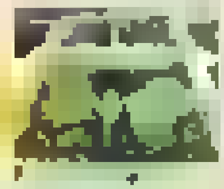


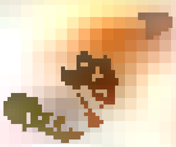












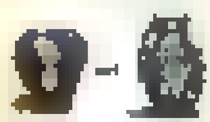




















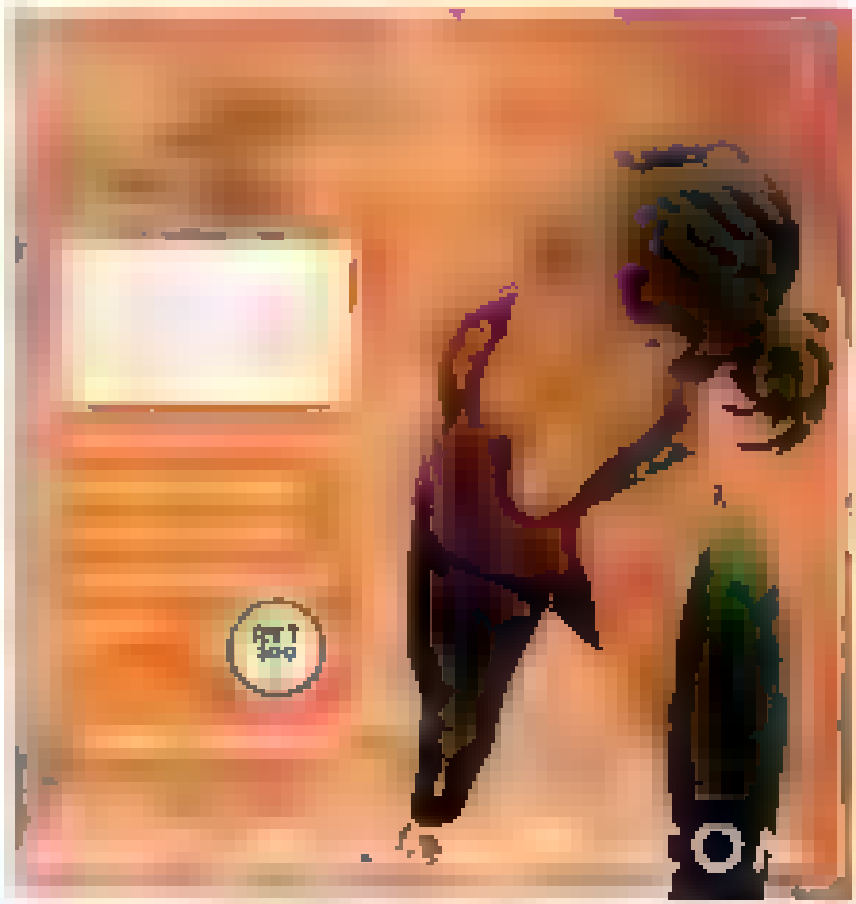
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Aurora Theatre's Detroit shows that keeping up with the Joneses isn't the best idea





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By Sarah Burke



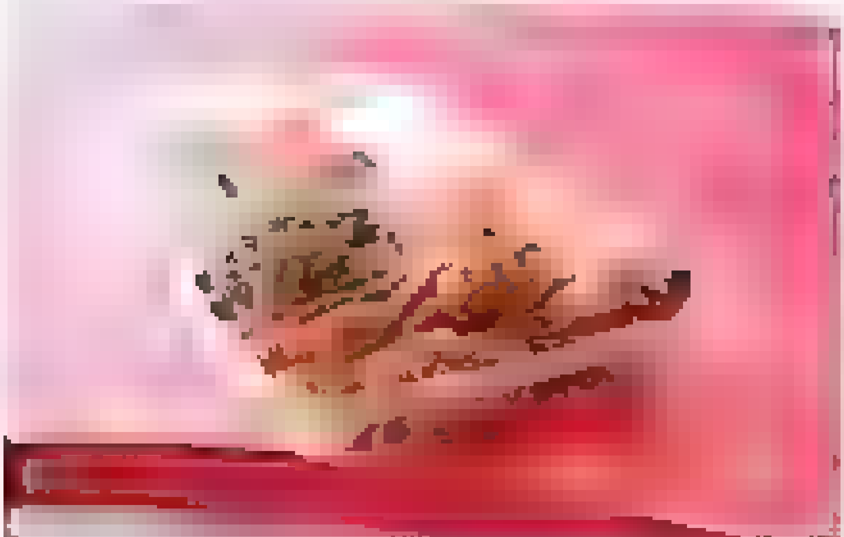
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Delicious Food in a Steam Table?

Yes, Lena's Soul Food Cafe and EM Deli Catering prove that quick-service takeout can be damn good.

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Sample Menu

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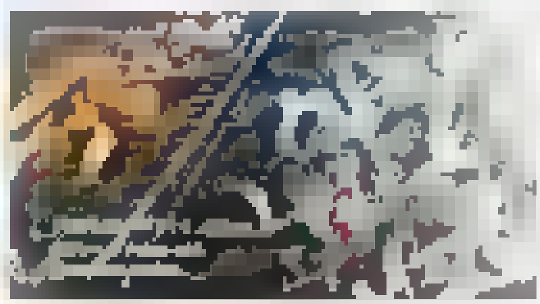
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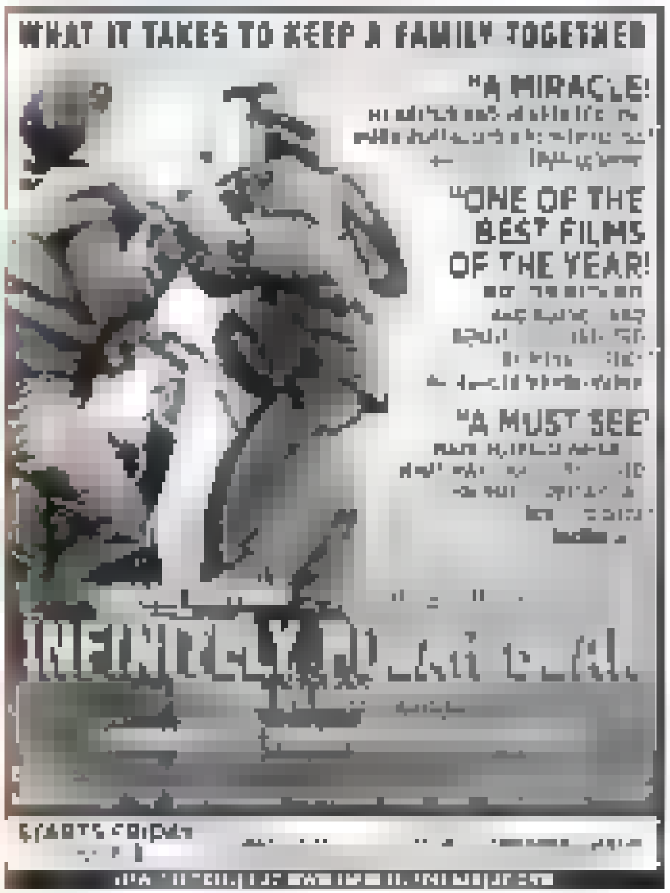


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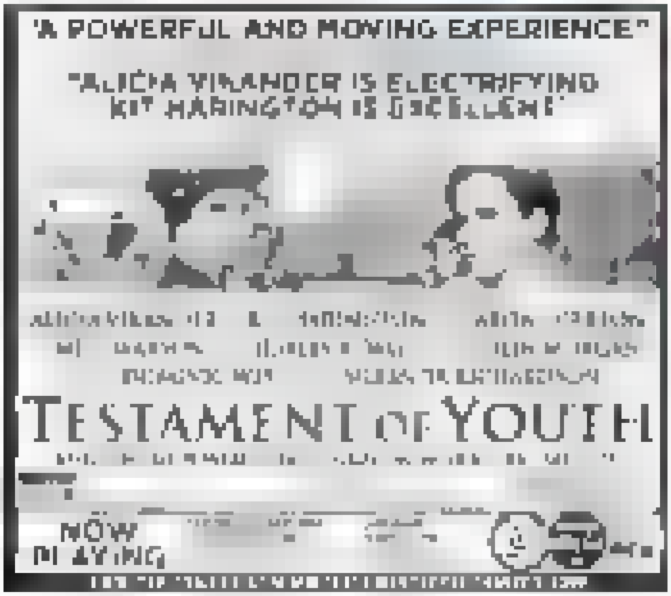
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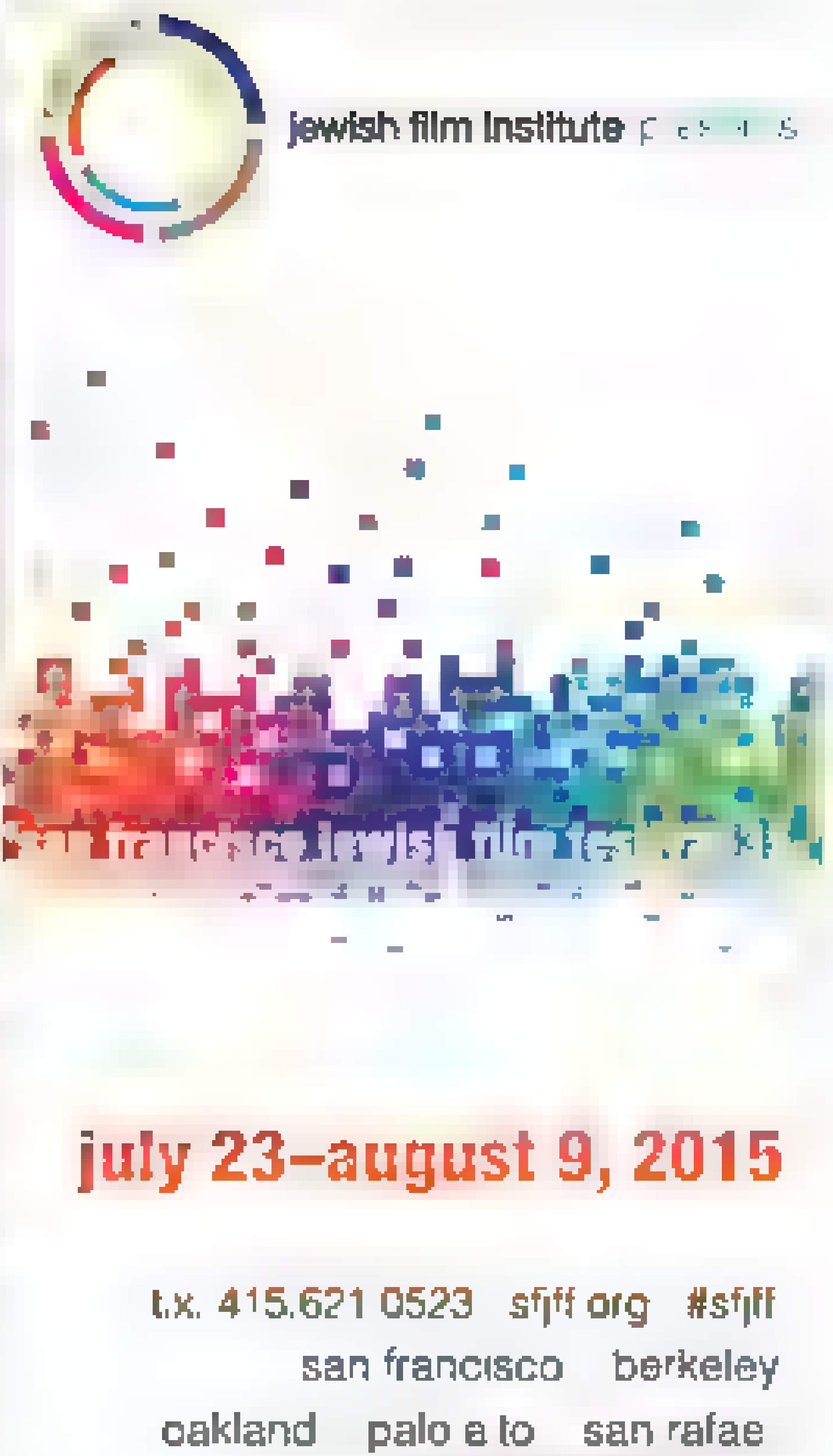



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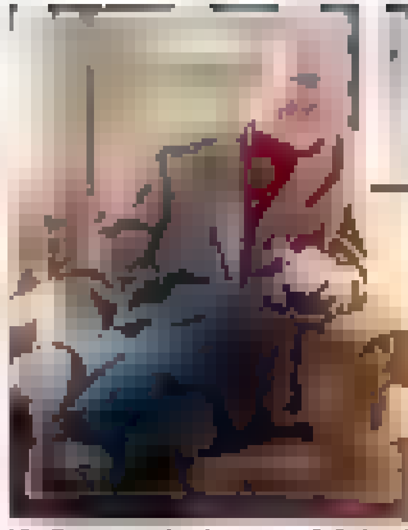
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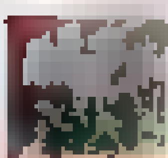
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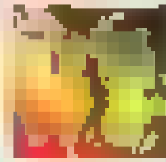
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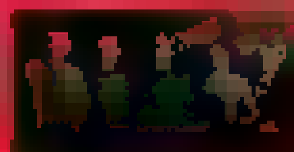
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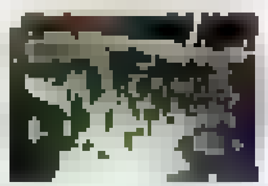
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FRIDAY 3

Classical & Opera

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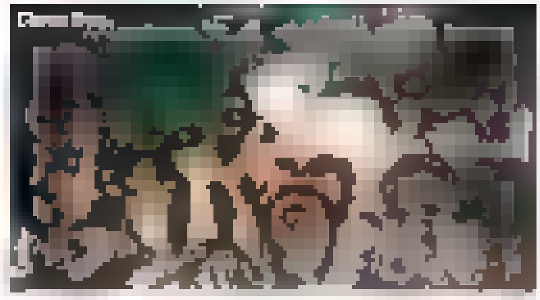
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Blues, Folk, & Country

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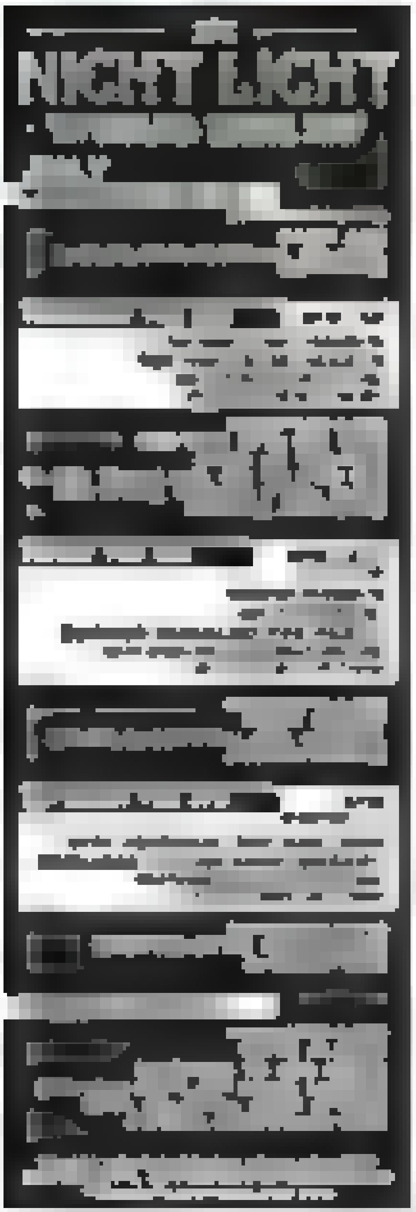
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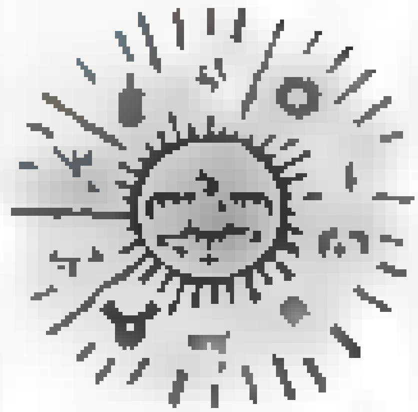
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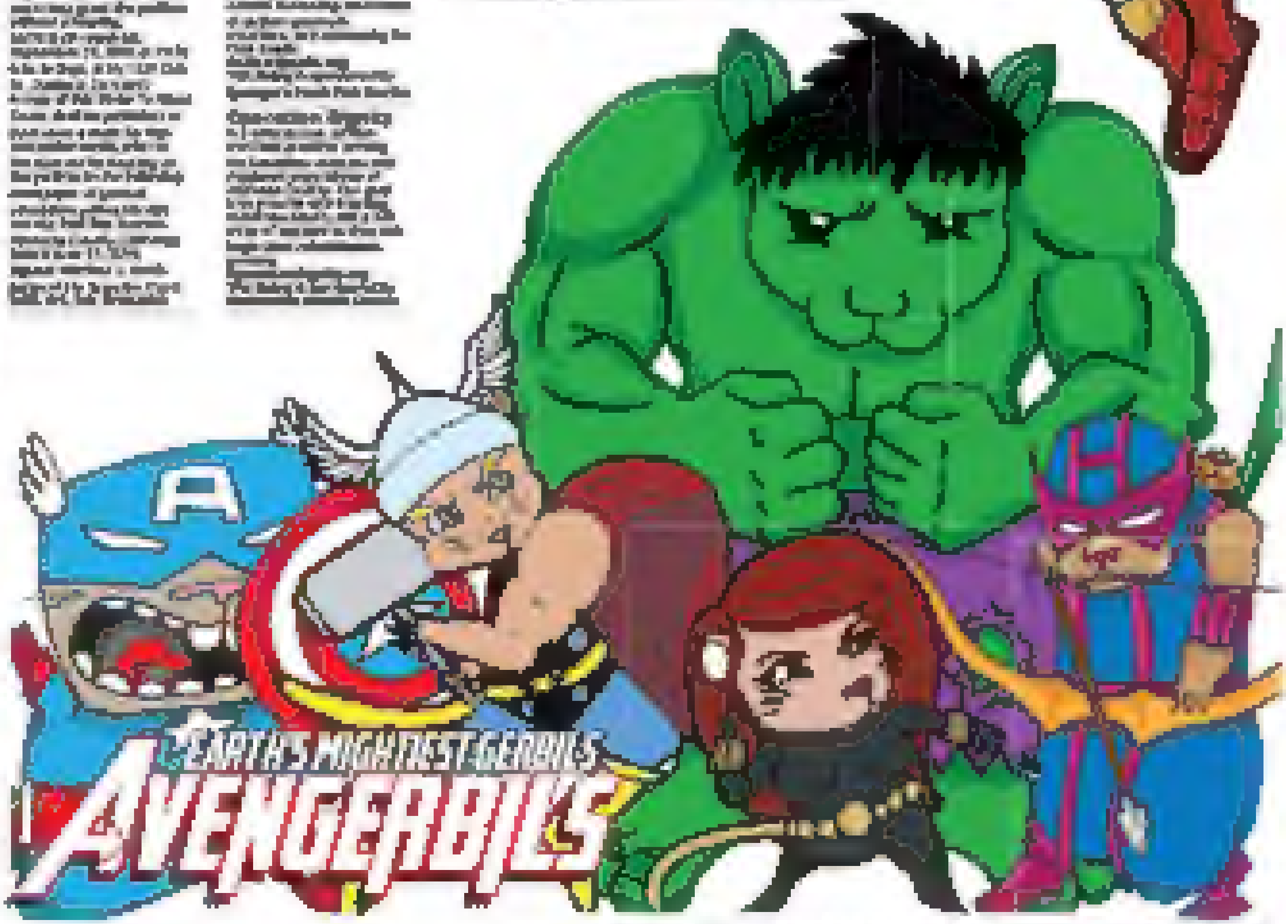
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